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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TOLBERT ATTENDS BICENTENNIAL RECEPTION

1. PRESIDENT TOLBERT BROKE WITH TRADITION TO ATTEND, WITH MRS. TOLBERT AND HIS ENTIRE CABINET, OUR BICENTENNIAL NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION, TODAY AT NOON (2 JULY). HIS RESPONSE TO MY TOAST WAS EXTREMELY WARM AND GENEROUSLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES' ACHIEVEMENTS. HE LAUDED THE U.S.'S RECORD OF LEADERSHIP; REMINDED HIS LISTENERS OF HER "MASSIVE AID, ASSISTANCE AND PARTNERLIKE COOPERATION"; AND NOTED THE U.S.'S CONTINUING CONCERN FOR "THOSE SOCIETIES AND NATIONS WHOSE FUTURE IS BEING PROGRESSIVELY DISTORTED BY THE CORROSIVE INTERACTIONS OF IGNORANCE, DISEASE AND POVERTY." HE ASSERTED IT TO BE "A SOLEMN OBLIGATION TO USE THE IMPACT OF AMERICA'S INITIATIVE AND VAST INFLUENCE TO RESTRUCTURE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF OUR TIMES." THE PRESIDENT CLOSED WITH ANOTHER OF HIS OWN THEMES: "IT SHOULD BE THE UNDIMINISHING RESPONSIBILITY OF AMERICA'S DEDICATED SERVICE TO GOD AND THE ENTIRE HUMAN FAMILY, TO ASSIST IN REMAKING OUR ONE WORLD INTO WHAT GOD, THE HUMAN FATHER, WANTS IT TO BE -- A MATERIALLY AND SPIRITUALLY PROSPEROUS WHOLESOME FUNCTIONING SOCIETY."

2. MANY REMARKED THAT PRESIDENT TOLBERT WAS IN A WAY MAKING AMENDS FOR THE UNPEASANTNESS OF LAST YEAR'S RECEPTION. HIS
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REMARKS WERE A GRACEFUL BLEND OF RECOGNITION OF THE U.S.'S

ASSISTANCE AND REMINDER, WITHOUT MENTIONING LIBERIA, THAT THERE
IS YET MORE TO DO. FULL TEXT HIS REMARKS FOLLOWS BY POUCH.
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